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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Fresno – Drugs Tied to Cartel Seized in Fresno

(U) More than 50 pounds of drugs are off the streets of Fresno yesterday after a major drug bust took place. The Fresno Police Department's Major Narcotics Unit received a tip about a home in Fresno, and, after some surveillance, police moved in. They say they found approximately \$500,000 worth of crystal meth and marijuana. Investigators believe a cartel was involved in bringing the product to Fresno.

SOURCE: 23 January 2017, [ABC 30](#)

(U) Los Angeles – Officials Report an Increase in Flu Related Deaths

(U) Thousands of Californians have been showing up at doctors' offices and hospitals sick with the flu this month, in what officials say could be a much more severe flu season than the last. State public health officials on Friday reported the first death of a child in this year's flu season. The death was in Riverside County. Fourteen people under the age of 65 have died of the flu in California this flu season, compared with three at the same time last year.

SOURCE: 20 January 2017, [Los Angeles Times](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Colorado – Colorado Moves to Eliminate Black Market Internet Marijuana Ads

(U) Denver – A bill approved unanimously by the state Senate yesterday would make it a misdemeanor to advertise pot if the person does not have a license to sell the drug. The state Legislature aims to crack down on those who sell marijuana illegally using online ads. Like other legal-pot states, Colorado is trying to crack down on the lingering black market for marijuana as it awaits word on how President Donald Trump's administration will approach states violating federal drug law.

SOURCE: 23 January 2017, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Minnesota – Health Care Company Reports on Possible Security Breach

(U) Minneapolis – PrimeWest Health reported a possible breach of personal information about its members. In a news release issued yesterday, PrimeWest said an incident occurred at Summit Reinsurance Services, Inc. that resulted in the possibility of unauthorized access to member information. Summit had the information because it provided underwriting and consulting reinsurance services to PrimeWest. On 8 August 2016, Summit discovered that "ransomware" had infected one of its computer servers. This server had certain personal information on it.

SOURCE: 23 January 2017, [Echo Press](#)

(U) Washington – US Fights Microsoft's Bid to Tell Users When Feds Take Data

(U) Seattle – The US Justice Department asked a judge yesterday to throw out a lawsuit from Microsoft and keep a law that prohibits technology companies from telling customers when the government demands their electronic data. Microsoft says its customers have a constitutional right to know when the government collects their private information during criminal investigations. The Electronic Communications Privacy Act compels companies to divulge the data and keep the move secret, violating

the company's First Amendment right to speak with its customers, according to its complaint filed last year.

SOURCE: 23 January 2017, [Associated Press](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Mexico – Mexico Arrests Son of Sinaloa Drug Cartel Boss

(U) Mexico City – Mexican authorities say they have captured a top Sinaloa cartel leader's son who is suspected of running a drug distribution network and managing cartel finances. A federal official confirmed that the man is Juan Jose Esparragoza Monzon. Esparragoza is the 45-year-old son of Juan Jose Esparragoza Moreno, alias "El Azul," a top leader of the Sinaloa gang along with Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman and Ismael "El Mayo" Zambada.

SOURCE: 23 January 2017, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Saudi Arabia – Saudi Arabia Warns on Cyber Defense as Shamoon Virus Resurfaces

(U) Riyadh – Saudi Arabia yesterday warned organizations in the kingdom to be on the alert for the Shamoon virus, which cripples computers by wiping their disks, as the labor ministry said it had been attacked and a chemicals firm reported a network disruption. An alert from the telecoms authority advised all parties to be vigilant for attacks from the Shamoon 2 variant of the virus that in 2012 crippled tens thousands of computers at oil giant Saudi Aramco. Shamoon disrupts computers by overwriting the master boot record, making it impossible for them to start up. Former US Defense Secretary Leon Panetta said the 2012 Shamoon attack on Saudi Aramco was probably the most destructive cyber attack on a private business.

SOURCE: 23 January 2017, [Reuters](#)

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